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On the Playing Fields

This year a few changes occurred in the usual SRC Sports Day arrangements. The venue, usually Chiswick, was changed to the Imperial College Sports Ground at Harlington; a stones throw from bustling Heathrow Airport, yet pleasant secluded and green. A change had been mooted for years, and an offer from Lord Flowers, Rector of Imperial College and former Chairman of the SRC was too good to refuse. The Rutherford and Appleton teams reflected the state of play in the merger of the two Laboratories, fighting some of the events as team-mates, and some as rivals.

Prayers for fine weather were answered and Wednesday 2 July turned out sunny with a wind (but nothing to beat the Chilton mistral) and, to keep tempers cool, a slight drizzle around mid-afternoon.

Upwards of 150 competitors and spectators from the Laboratories attended and twenty two teams took part in the eight events. Perhaps not surprisingly, Rutherford and Appleton made a clean sweep, winning all the events but the Tug-of-War which went to Daresbury. After a very successful day in the field, an enjoyable evening was spent at the Ditton Park Laboratory, with a supper and Disco. Professor Ashmore very kindly came down from Daresbury to present the prizes - and a good time was had by all! Many thanks to all the sports organisers and helpers and to the Staff of Imperial college for their hospitality.

Hockey

The game started well for RGO who opened the scoring in the first quarter. This was enough to galvanise the Rutherford and Appleton team into action and fine forward play soon produced an equaliser from Ved Sandal. After half-time (when nobody brought orange slices to quench the thirst) we forged ahead, Ved scoring again. RGO fought back, but our defence remained solid and a beautiful goal by Steve Kill, in the last quarter sealed RGO's fate. A really good win!



Members of the Netball squad.

Sally Gill, Jane Horton, Margaret Haddock, Michele Deegan, Sue Merrifield
Judy Cullen, Julie Glasgow, and Maria Ahier.

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The Appleton half of the team were Terry Paterson, Ved Sandal, Hari Shah, Dick Holdaway, Steve Kill, with Denise Evans providing the glamour. Rutherford's players were Brian Wyborn, Mike Claringbold, Paul Bates, Paul Bryant, Andrew Clarke and petite, good defensive player and ace librarian Rowena Rowse.

As only 3 teams entered for this event, a bit of re-thinking was required, and after seeing the full size pitch and even worse, full size goals the idea of a six-a-side competition was rapidly abandoned. After consultation it was decided that Rutherford and Appleton would play as a team, and play a full match against RGO, the Rutherford and Appleton Laboratories providing the referees changed every 15 minutes so that everyone had a chance to play.

Netball

A massive entry of five teams took part in the tournament this year. Perhaps the fact that it was played on grass causing few injuries, may encourage wider participation in future years.

Two teams were entered from Rutherford and Appleton Laboratories, the 'A' team managing to win the tournament but only after a rough match with Daresbury and a final play off with Swindon 'A'. Unfortunately the 'B' team lost 3 of their four matches beating only Swindon 'B' in a close match.

The winning team were Sue Underdown, Margaret Haddock, Sue Merrifield, Sally Gill, Avis Leigh, Janet Fraser, Ann Duffield and Julie Barker.

Well done to all who played.

Cricket

Its getting to be a habit. The Rutherford six-a-side team won again this year, quite convincingly, beating all comers. There was a fine all round performance by the team of Dave Stanley, Eric Thomas, Bob Blowfield, Nick Myers, Vishnu Mahadeo and Gopal Patel, Bob in cracking form again, but this time swinging a mighty blow which sent the ball into the midst of a netball match well over the long boundary.

Led by Barry Martin the Appleton team of Graham Thomas, Alan Stevens, Vic Brown, Charles Witlock and Bill Hayes were runners up, setting up a new record by bowling one side for only 6 runs. Apart from losing to Rutherford they had a very successful day, so Rutherford, look to your laurels!

Tennis

Imperial College grass courts proved very popular with the 8 mens pairs & 6 mixed pairs who competed in the annual SRC tennis competition this year. Rutherford entered 2 teams in each event whilst Appleton had 1 team in each.

In the men's competition each pair played 8 games against each other pair. The top three final positions were as follows:-

- (1) RGO-George Wilkins/
Norman King 46 games
- (2) Appleton-Will Johnson/
Bernard Purser 33 games
- (3) Rutherford-Colin Walters/
Barry Whittaker 32 games

The other Rutherford pair of Peter Houzago and Les Walton finished with 28 games, doing well considering they hadn't entered until the previous day, leaving no time for practice together.

With fewer pairs than usual in the mixed competition, each pair had to play 12 games against each other pair. Final positions were as follows:-

- 1)Rutherford (Atlas Centre) -
Lorna Claringbold/Tim Pett 46 games
- 2)Appleton - Sue Biddle/
Richard Smith 32 games
- 3)Rutherford - Sue Merrifield/
Richard Lawrence 28 games

A good result for the Rutherford and Appleton Laboratories.

Angling

At last we have managed to beat Daresbury! This year Rutherford won the team and individual events. The 'A' team of Tony Ferrari, Dennis Day, Frank Smith and Len Wilson were the winners with the 'B' team gaining second place.

Peter Craske won the individual title with Ernie Russell second and Colin Watson of Daresbury third.

As usual the fish were hard to find, but it was a good days fishing.

The Appleton lot decided that this was going to be a "be kind to fish" week and refrained from participating.

Football

SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

The football was won this year by the Rutherford 'C' team of -

Andy Napper
Martin Stenzhden
Andy Flesher
Russel Newman
Bob McClure (Captain)
Johny Mackerness
Steve Townsend
Sean Sunderland.

The team defeated Daresbury 'C' in the final. In fact during the day they defeated each of the Daresbury teams.

By far the closest match was against R.G.O. which was only won on corners. The other Rutherford teams shared varying fortunes, the 'A' team having the bad luck to be knocked out by an own goal in the last few minutes of their semi-final against Daresbury 'C'. They never really recovered from the loss of Jim Taylor through injury or the borrowing of the 'C' teams spare goalkeeper, Kenny Summers. The 'B' team were also missing the talents of Bob Pattison absent through injury, to whom the whole of the footballing fraternity send their wishes for a speedy recovery.

The 'D' team once again suffered from a surfeit of brains, ie too many PhDs, but gave a good account of themselves despite Ken Paler's efforts on behalf of the opposition. The 'E' team enjoyed themselves and performed well in the bar at the disco afterward, even though Kevin Lewis was not sick on the journey home. An enjoyable day was had by all and at least one "old man" returned home happy in spite of the fact that RIBENA wouldn't dance with him.

Bowls

Bowls were played on a public green, hired for the afternoon, not far from the sports ground.

Led by the ace skipper Norman Ferguson Appletons one and only triples team, which included Rick Street and Roy Bailey, emerged as winners, beating Rutherford into second place.

The Pairs event was won by Tudor Morgan and Peter Mace for Rutherford. Only 3 pairs took part, but in the final game against RGO an extra end had to be played at 11 each, Putherford gaining 2 shots to win the trophy.

Future Activities

It seems almost certain that the next Indoor Sports Day would again be by popular request at the Oasis, Swindon. The date is not yet fixed, but advanced warning will be given, so that you can make a note in your diaries - and think up an excuse as to why you cannot participate!

INTERNAL Events

HEP SEMINARS

Room 2.32 R1 1100 hrs

13 Aug. Prof. G. Karl/Guelph
"Branching Ratios in
Baryon Decay"

20 Aug. Prof. S. Dimopoulos/
Stanford
"Technicolor"

Time and Place to be decided.

Square Cut

Another substantial award made under the Laboratories suggestions Award scheme has gone this time to Dave Fleet of Instrumentation Divisions R9 Workshop. Dave received the sum of £250 for his idea for improving the performance of the new R9 Guillotine.

Shortcomings in the design made it impossible to cut certain sizes of plates square due to the lack of square edge to seat against. To overcome this fault, Dave suggested making two square precision ground square plates with hardened edges fixed one each side of the guillotine to provide such seating. This has made a considerable saving in scrap metal and in the time for setting up.

Trade Exhibition

There will be a one-day exhibition by Rofin Ltd from 10.30 hrs to 15.30 hrs on Wednesday 3 September in R12 Conference Room of the following equipment:-

Helium neon laser family
Light chopper family
Laser power meters
Photon drag detectors
Arc lamp and supply
Scanning monochromator
Germanium photodiode and pre-amplifier
Laser positioning alignment system.

Library Notice

Would users of the Trade Catalogue Library please note that we hope to move it to more spacious accommodation in the Library Stack (R61 Ground floor). The move is planned for the week beginning 4 August and we cannot be more specific as it is dependant on the completion of building work.

The End of the Run

Muriel Gregory, the real power behind the throne in Repro, though she'd never let the menfolk know it, retired after six and half years with the Laboratories on Thursday 31 July. Many friends and colleagues gathered in the R1 Coffee lounge to see Jim Valentine make the presentation to Muriel of a coffee pot, a Royal Doulton Plate, and beautiful bunch of flowers, on behalf of us all.

"We are all sad to see you go" he said, "and wish you the best of luck in your retirement".

"Thank you all very much" replied Muriel. "The Coffee Percolator will match my dining room, and the plate make a welcome addition to my collection of Doulton. I have heard it said that when a woman is 60 she should be swopped for three twenty year olds. Well we have one young replacement already, perhaps Harry will soon be able to indent for two more!"



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Thanks

Roma Newberry wishes to thank all her friends for the good wishes and beautiful gift she received on the occasion of her retirement from the Laboratories. She also makes sincere apologies to friends and colleagues who she was, regrettably, unable to see personally before she left.

Muriel Gregory would also like to express her gratitude for the gifts from friends and colleagues given to her on her retirement. "Knowing so many of you it would take another year to say thank you to everyone of you in person" she said.

Sales to Employees

Sales of scrap metal/plastics as set out in RLN 12/73 will be made on 30 August at the scrap compound, rear of R40 from 1200-1230 hrs.

Cherbourg Race 1980

The SRC Sports and Social Association has generously given a Grant enabling the SRC to enter the Interdepartmental Offshore Race between 2 and 5 October 1980 which will consist of two races in the Solent followed by a race to Cherbourg.

An Offshore One-Design 34, fully equipped and tuned for racing has been chartered for the period 28 September to 5 October and will be ably skippered by Martin Hall of the Appleton Laboratory.

It is hoped to sail to the French Coast in the early part of the week for a practice.

In the previous two years forecasts of gales resulted in the races to Cherbourg being substituted by races in the Solent. The SRC team came 2nd overall in 1978 and in 1979, in spite of a three hour argument with a sandbank, came 7th overall.

Anyone with experience of Offshore or Dinghy Racing who is interested in bidding for a place as a crew member is invited to ring Lawrence Byrne at Central Office (ext. 2419) who can give further details.

Cricket

Harwell Evening League

In this competition the Labs side made an encouragingly good start. In their first game a hard hitting stand of 70 between Neil Johnson and Dave Stanley gave them a respectable total of 101.

AERE's Environmental & Medical Sciences team, in chasing the total were never able to keep up with the run rate required, and as runs became hard to get off some tight bowling, they lost wickets steadily and finished with 65 runs.

The second game, against AERE Marketing (they beat us in the semi-finals last year) was a tense and exciting affair. Batting first, the Labs score of 71 hardly seemed enough, but again the bowlers tried to keep things tight, making Marketing work hard for their runs. In a tense last 4 overs the fielders gave nothing away and the game was won by just 3 runs!

The Downs League

In their match against Metal Box, the Labs side lost the toss. Batting first, the visitors were soon in trouble, but recovered slightly in mid-innings to amass 75 runs.

Two quick wickets were lost when the Labs' innings opened but a partnership of 51 runs between Reg Jones and Mike Watson gave a comfortable win in the tenth of 15 overs.

Against Compton the following week real drama took place - playing before our largest crowd for 3 seasons (10 spectators - all supporting Compton) we lost the toss and were put in to bat. Nick Myer's fine innings of 25 gave some credibility to an otherwise mediocre batting performance, the innings finally closing at 66 for 8.

Compton's openers put on 48 and kept up comfortably with the asking rate. However, the Labs bowlers and fielders gave little away and were rewarded by dismissing both openers. The Compton batting collapsed badly and the game swung our way in the last 2 overs. Fourteen runs were required and as temperatures and pulse rates rose, the noise from the fiercely partisan crowd spurred us on even more. In this cauldron of heat neither side lost its nerve and the game ended level, both sides 66-8, so a tie and shared points. There were no stars in this game, just a good performance from the whole side when the chips were stacked against us!

Another report in this fascinating saga will appear in the next Bulletin.

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